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THE SQUID!**

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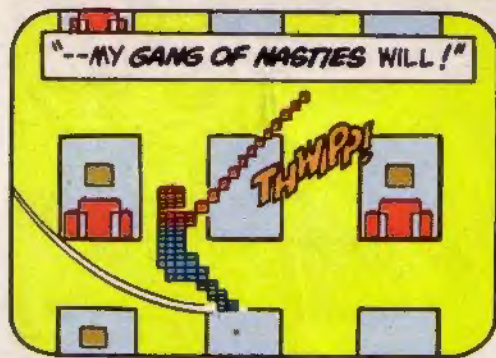
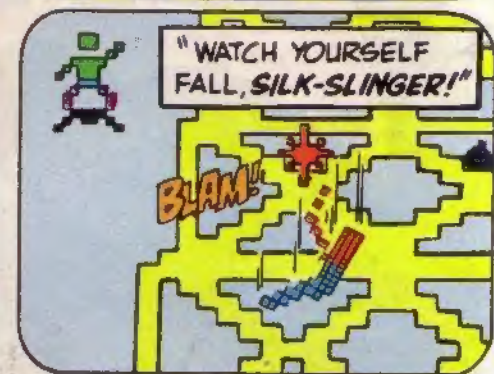


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The Goblin's time bombs are ticking away. And his Super Bombs sit fiendishly up on High Voltage Towers. The city is on its knees.

Only Spider-Man's spidey powers can get us out of this! Thwipp! He shoots his web and swings up the buildings to reach the bombs.

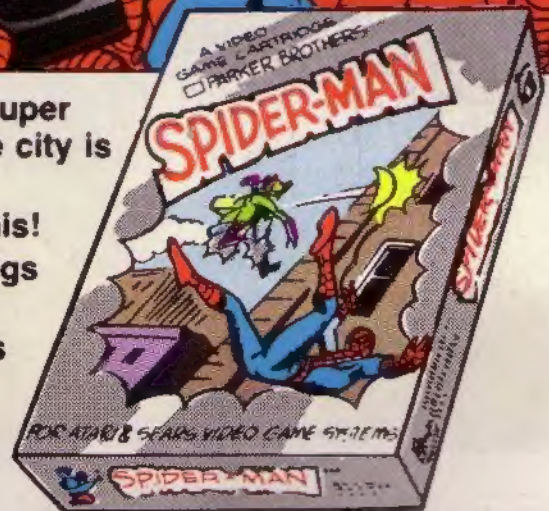
Thwipp! He shoots again, escaping the Goblin on his web-cutting jet glider.

But watch out! Goblin and his warped gang of criminals have more sneaky ways to cut your web and plunge you to the streets below.

Can you get Spider-Man to the bombs in time?

Your web fluid is getting lower.

And time is ticking away. . . .



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HE IS THE DARK SPECTRE
OF GOTHAM'S NIGHT; HE
IS THE DREADED--

BAT MAN

--AND HE IS
ENRAGED!

SQUAD

YOU
SCUM!

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I'LL SQUASH
YA LIKE A
BUG!



DREAM
ON--



YOUR
TURN.

N-NO...
I'LL
SHOOT
YOU...

WITH
WHAT?





YOU'RE
BREAKING
MY
HEART.



LIGHT FLOODS THE
DARKENED PENTHOUSE
AT THE TOUCH OF A
GLOVED FINGER ON A
WALL SWITCH...

IF YOU'RE
AFRAID, LESTER,
YOU SHOULDN'T
TRY HIDING IN
THE DARK.

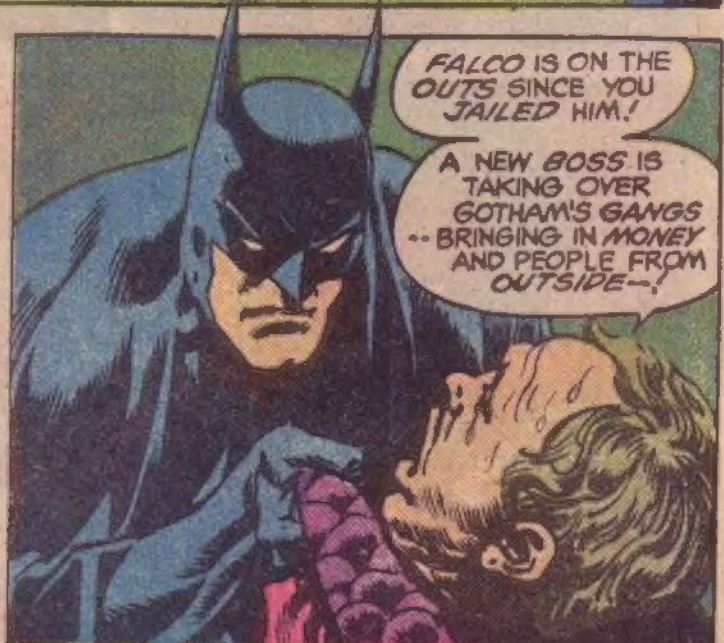
IN FACT,
A TIMID
MAN LIKE
YOU SHOULD
FIND HIMSELF
ANOTHER LINE
OF BUSINESS.



DEALING IN
DRUGS IS WHAT
I'D CALL A DEAD-
END PROPOSITION.

YOU'RE
NOT A
LOCAL,
LESTER.

WHO SOLD YOU
THE DRUG
FRANCHISE FOR
GOTHAM CITY?
WAS IT FALCO?



FALCO IS ON THE
OUTS SINCE YOU
JAILED HIM!

A NEW BOSS IS
TAKING OVER
GOTHAM'S GANGS
-- BRINGING IN MONEY
AND PEOPLE FROM
OUTSIDE--!



A NAME,
LESTER.

DON'T KNOW
HIS REAL NAME...
HE CALLS HIMSELF
THE SQUID...

THE
BATMAN
NODS... AND
SOMETHING
CHANGES
IN THE FACE
BEHIND
THE MASK...

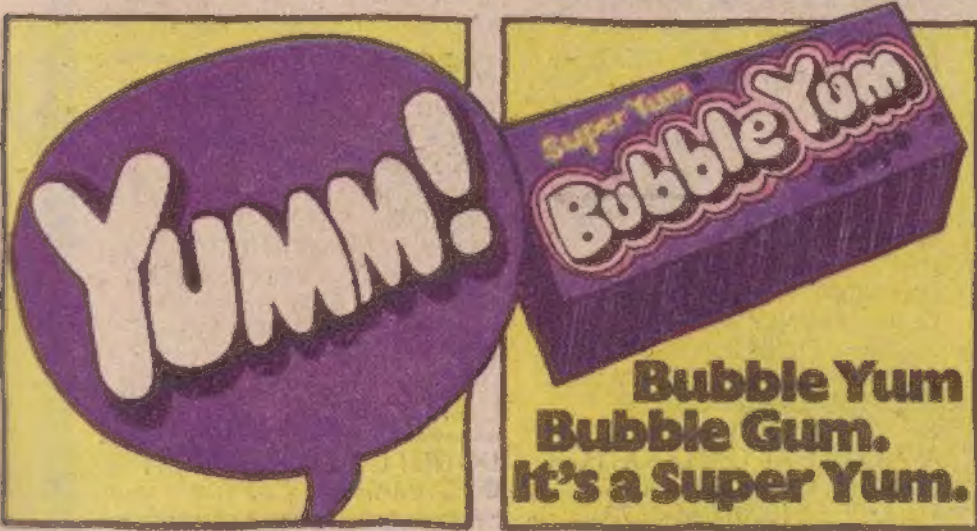
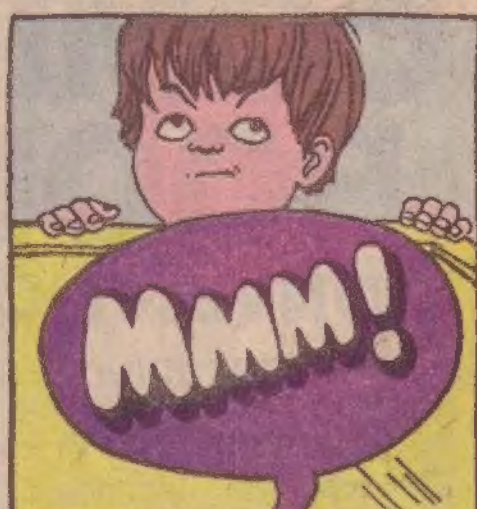
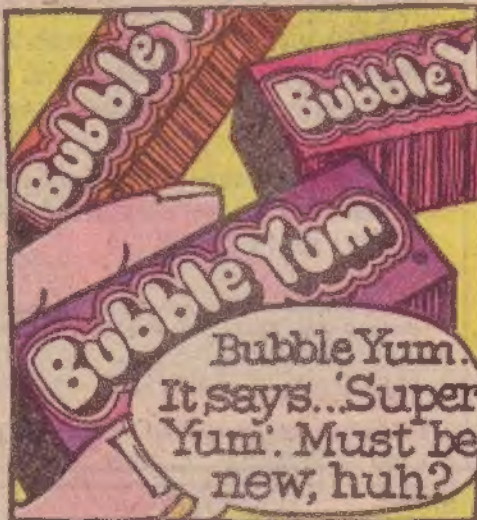


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TONIGHT, HOWEVER, THE FACADE HAS CRUMBLLED.

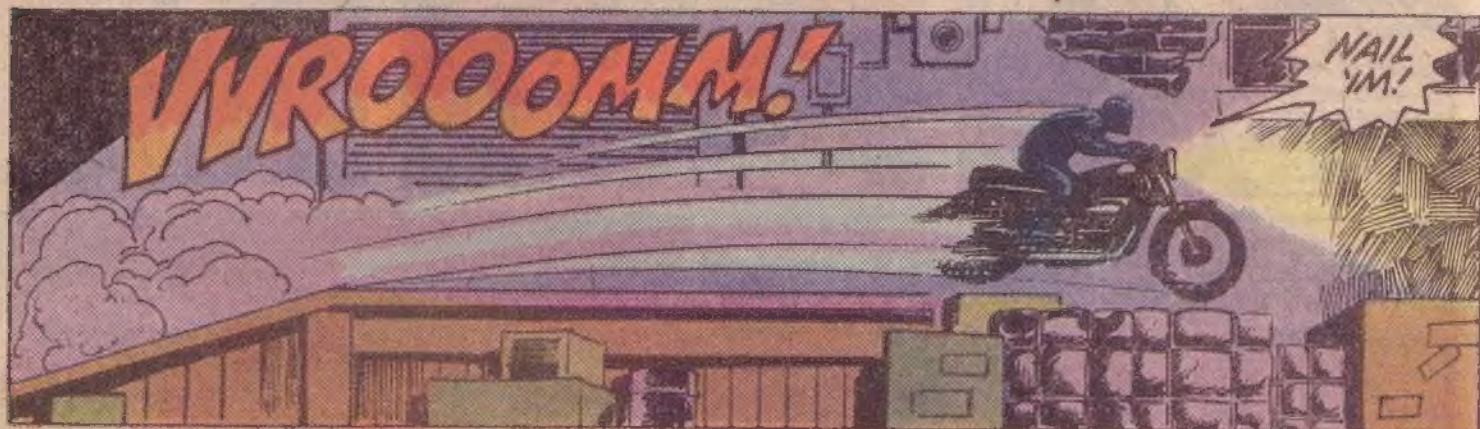
TONIGHT, JOEY TAYLOR IS IN FEAR OF HIS LIFE.

THERE HE IS!



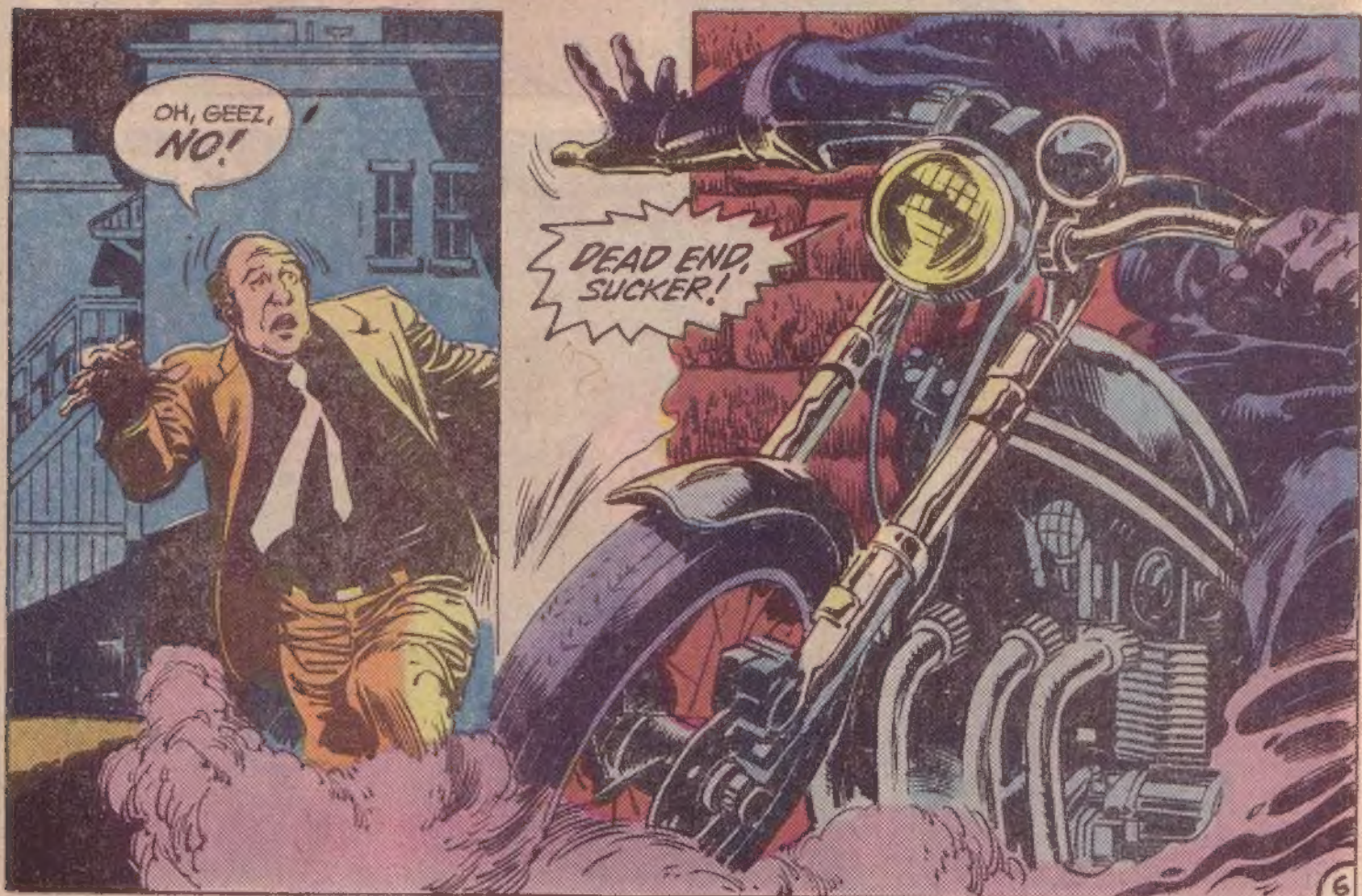
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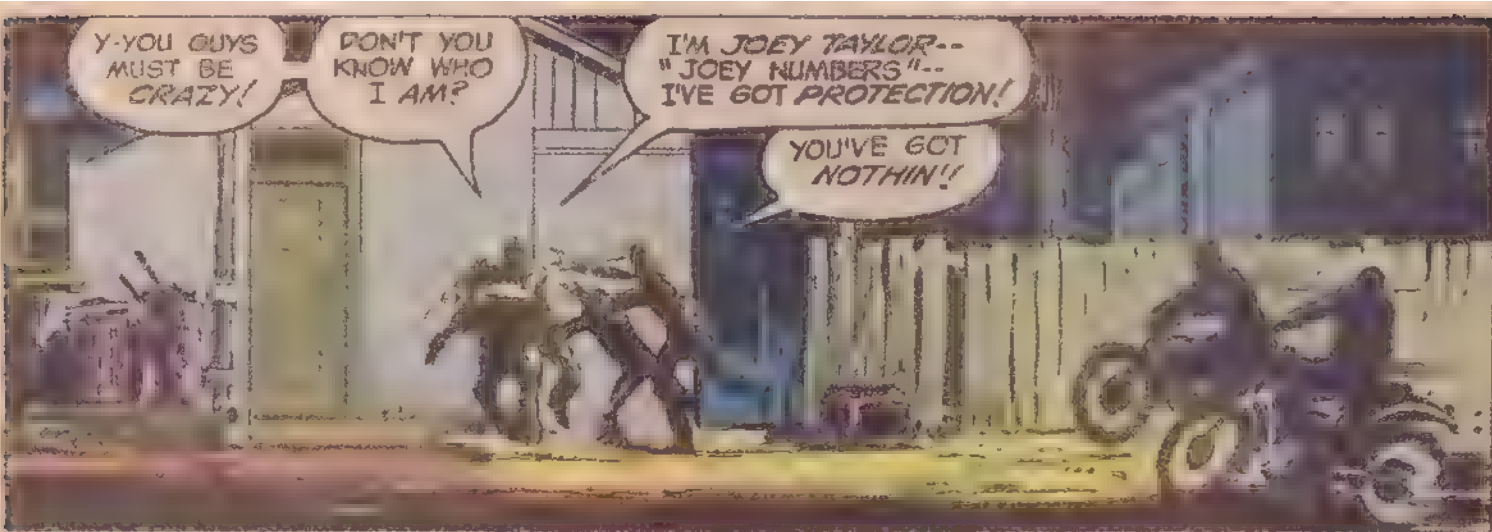
NAIL 'IM!



OH, GEEZ, NO!

DEAD END, SUCKER!



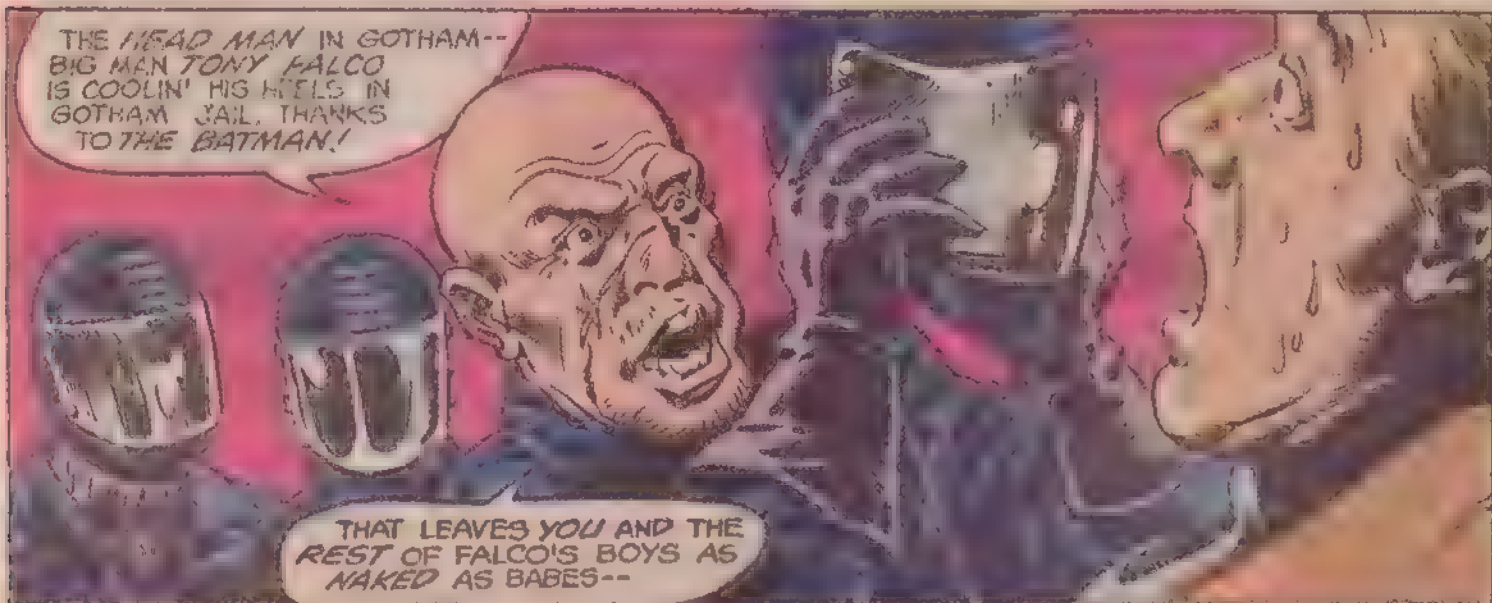


Y-YOU GUYS
MUST BE
CRAZY!

DON'T YOU
KNOW WHO
I AM?

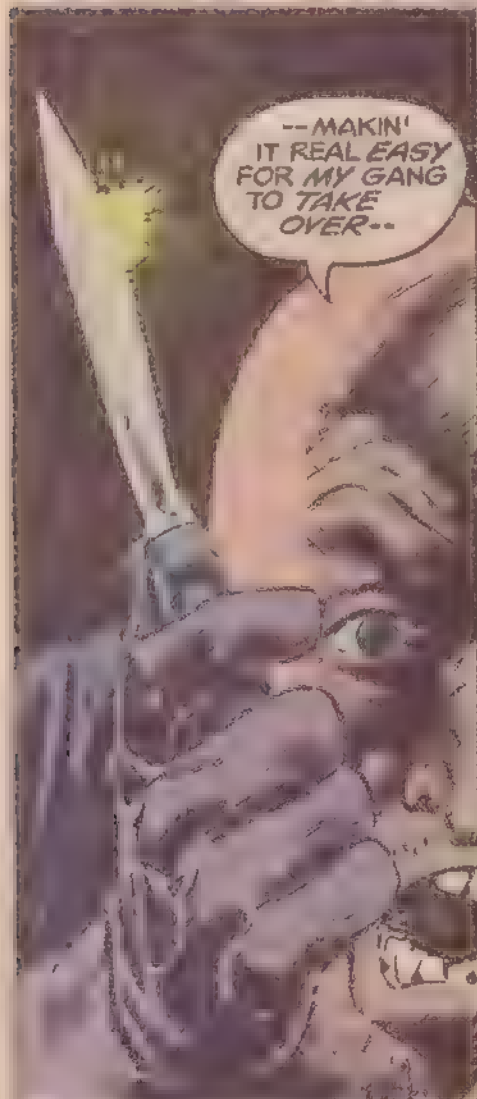
I'M JOEY TAYLOR--
"JOEY NUMBERS"--
I'VE GOT PROTECTION!

YOU'VE GOT
NOTHIN'!



THE HEAD MAN IN GOTHAM--
BIG MAN TONY FALCO
IS COOLIN' HIS HEELS IN
GOTHAM JAIL, THANKS
TO THE BATMAN!

THAT LEAVES YOU AND THE
REST OF FALCO'S BOYS AS
NAKED AS BABES--



--MAKIN'
IT REAL EASY
FOR MY GANG
TO TAKE
OVER--



--ONCE
WE GET
RIDDA
YOU!



KPOW!

YAAHH!





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A-ANYTHING YOU WANT-- ANYTHING-- IT'S YOURS!

JUST GIVE ME YOUR LOYALTY, JIM.

REALLY, THAT'S ALL I WANT...



.. AND YOU THINK THIS MAN YOU CALL THE SPY HAS SWITCHED FROM SELLING GOVERNMENT SECRETS--TO BACKING A TAKEOVER OF THE GOTHAM UNDERWORLD?

WHY, BATMAN?

IF HE WAS SUCH A GOOD SPY, WHY WOULD HE GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL CRIMES?



BECAUSE OF ME, JIM.

I BROKE UP HIS SPY RING-- HUMILIATED HIM AT HIS OWN GAME, MONTHS AGO...



--AND NOW YOU BELIEVE HE'S COME TO GOTHAM FOR REVENGE.

IT'S POSSIBLE!

WHAT WILL YOU DO?



FIND HIM.

STOP HIM.

"THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN... AND FROM MILES AROUND THE NEW JERSEY PALISADES FAIRGROUNDS, YOUNG AND OLD COME THRONGING TO LOSE THEMSELVES IN A FANTASY..."



AND AMONG THEM IS THE ONE-TIME CIRCUS PERFORMER NAMED--

DICKIE BOY!

YOU CAME BACK, AFTER ALL! I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT US!

JUST A BIT OF BUSINESS IN NEW YORK, WALDO--

--WITH MY FRIENDS IN THE TITANS!*

NOW, THERE WAS AN ACT YOU WERE GOING TO SHOW ME...

*SEE TITANS # 29, -- LHM

SOME KIND OF AERIALIST?

IS HE AS GOOD AS CLEVELAND BRAND?

NOT HE, DICK-- THEY!

WHEN I TOLD THEM DICK GRAYSON OF "THE FLYING GRAYSONS" WAS GOING TO CATCH THEIR ACT, THEY WERE THRILLED, LET ME TELL YOU!

"THEY"?

I HATE CROWDS.

YOU DEAL WITH SLOAN, THE OWNER.

PIECE OF CAKE.

IT BETTER BE, SLICK.

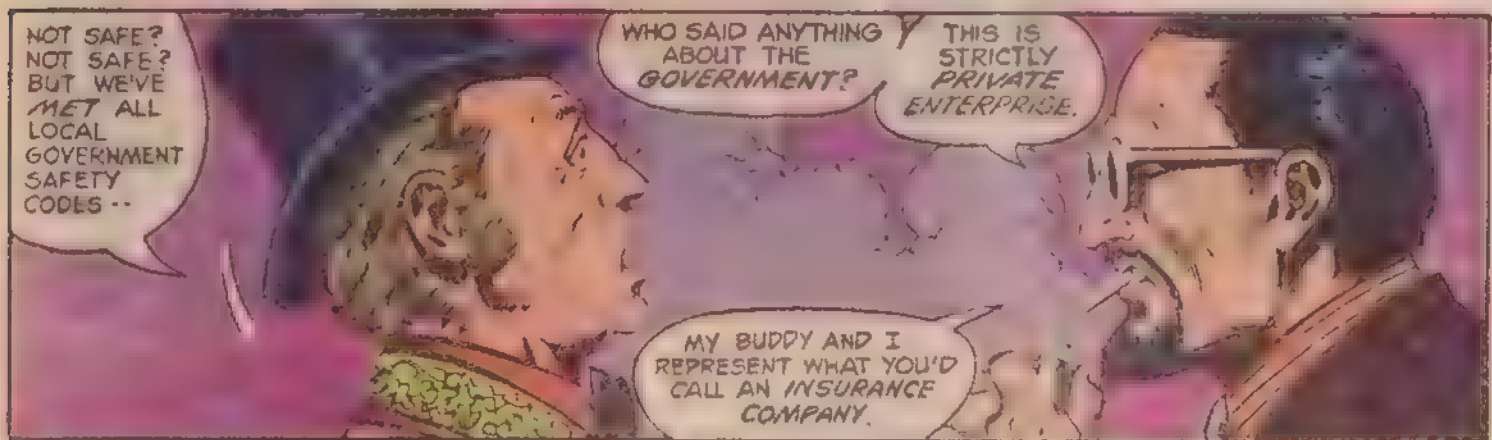
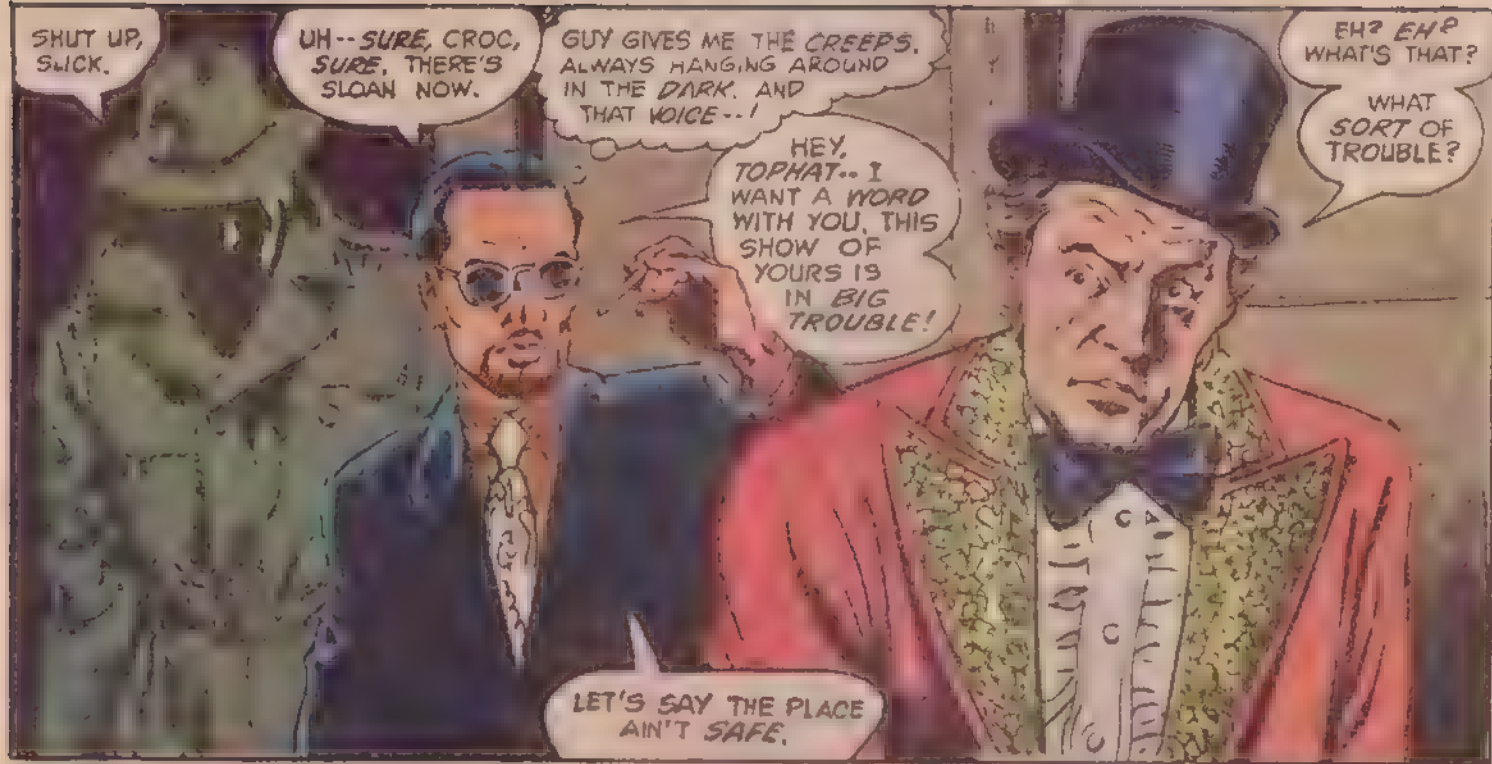
I'VE DEALT WITH TOO MANY LOSERS LATELY. MY PATIENCE IS EXHAUSTED.

TROUBLE WITH YOU, CROC, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND PEOPLE.

I'LL SQUEEZE SLOAN TILL HE POPS.

HEY, GET ALOOF OF THAT, WILL YA?

I ASK YOU, CROC-- WHAT KINDA PARENT LETS A KID DO A STUNT LIKE THAT?



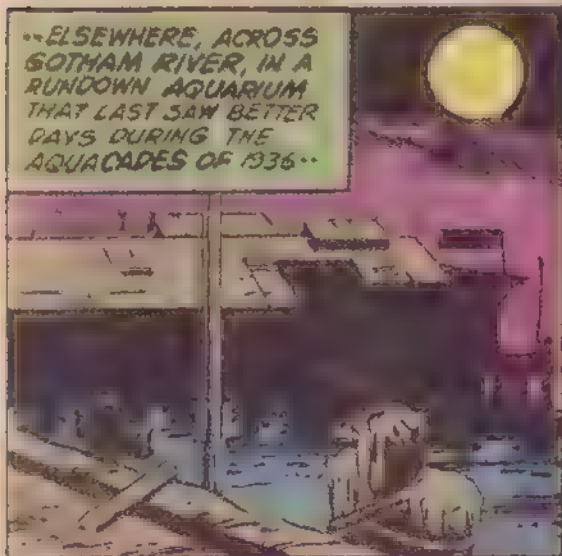


--THE TODDS ARE JUST FANTASTIC!



SO WHY DOES LOOKING AT THEM SEND A CHILL UP MY SPINE?

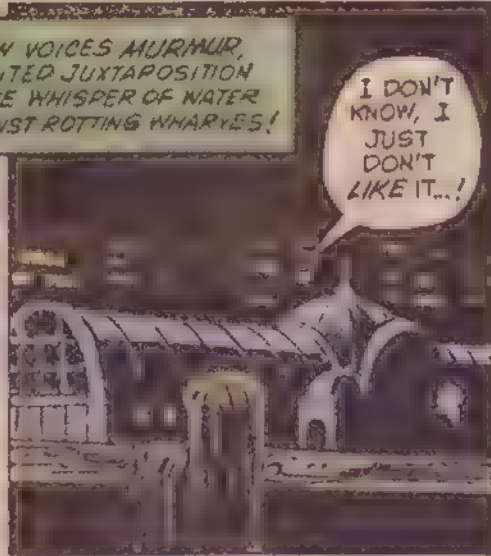
AND, AS DICK GRAYSON PONDERES AN INEXPLICABLE PREMONITION--



--ELSEWHERE, ACROSS GOTHAM RIVER, IN A RUNDOWN AQUARIUM THAT LAST SAW BETTER DAYS DURING THE AQUACADES OF 1936--



--LOW VOICES MURMUR, IN MUTED JUXTAPOSITION TO THE WHISPER OF WATER AGAINST ROTTING WHARVES!



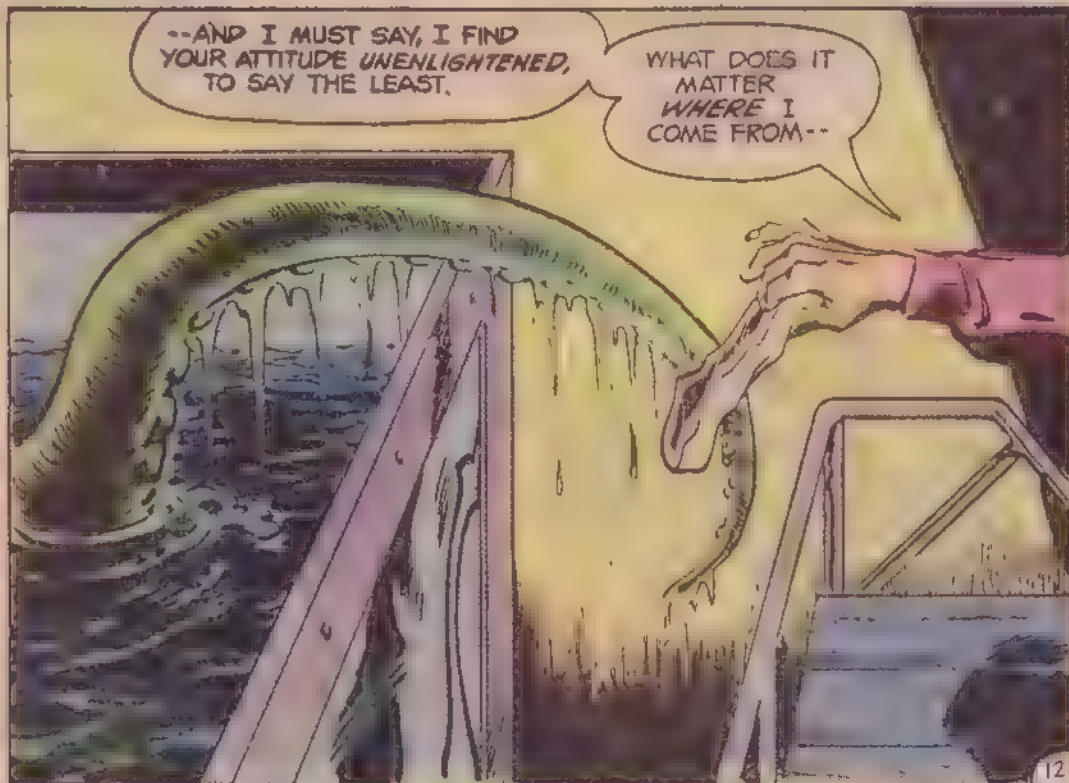
I DON'T KNOW, I JUST DON'T LIKE IT...!



I MEAN, THE GUY'S AN OUTSIDER.

IF ANYBODY SHOULD TAKE OVER FROM FALCO, IT SHOULD BE ONE OF US.

OH, WEALLY? I HEARD THAT, MR. WONSON --



--AND I MUST SAY, I FIND YOUR ATTITUDE UNENLIGHTENED, TO SAY THE LEAST.

WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHERE I COME FROM--



--PROVIDED
I CAN DO
THE JOB.

BEWEAVE ME,
MR. WONSON,
I CAN DO
THE JOB.

I WILL MAKE
GOTHAM
CITY SAFE
FOR CHWIME
AND
CHVIMINALE,
OR MY NAME
IS NOT THE
SQUID.

MY, MY,
GERTWUDE
AREN'T WE
HUNGRY
TODAY?



THAT'S ANOTHER THING,
THIS NAME YOU'RE TAGGED
WITH--THE SQUID.

WHAT KIND OF A NAME
IS THAT FOR A GANGSTER,
AND WHAT KIND OF HIDEOUT
IS THIS OLD AQUARIUM?

YEAH.

FALCO ALWAYS WENT
FIRST-CLASS... AND THE
REAL HEAD HONCHOS AT
THE TOBACCONISTS'
CLUB LIVE LIKE KINGS!

TSK-TSK, YOU
DISAPPOINT ME,
YOU WEALLY DO.



MY NAME IS
AS MUCH A
DESCRIPTION
AS A NOM-
DE-PLUME.

I AM THE SQUID
BECAUSE MY
TENTACLES REACH
EVERYWHERE, EVEN
TO THE SEATS OF
POWER.



I AM THE SQUID
BECAUSE MY APPETITE
IS INSATIABLE.

NO
MATTER
HOW MUCH I
HAVE, I WANT
MORE--AND
MORE--AND
MORE--

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--AND I ASK YOU, GENTLEMEN, WOULD YOU WISH A LEADER WHO WANTED LESS?

I THOUGHT NOT.

STILL, YOUR TWEPIDATION IS UNDERSTANDABLE...



...AND FOR THAT REASON, I'VE ARRANGED A LITTLE DEMONSTRATION OF MY DETERMINATION.



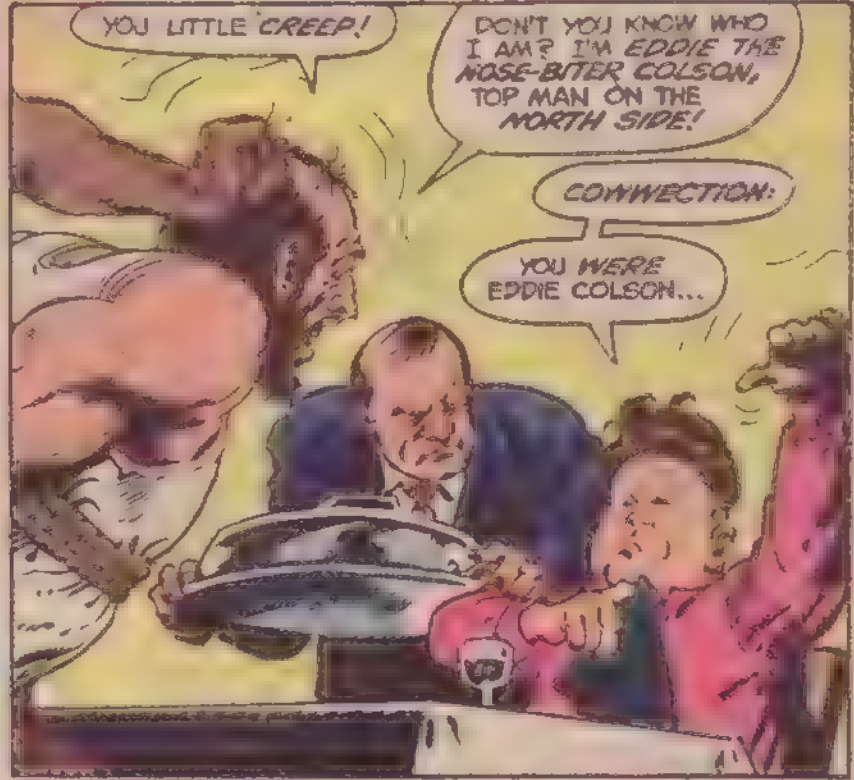
OTTO



EACH OF YOU HAS, FOR HIS OWN REASONS, SWORN ALLEGIANCE TO MY LEADERSHIP.

SINCE YOU'RE BEGINNING TO DOUBT THE WISDOM OF THAT MOVE, YOU WILL NOW WITNESS WHAT HAPPENS TO SOMEONE WHO FAILS TO SWEAR.

LET ME GO, BLAST YOU!

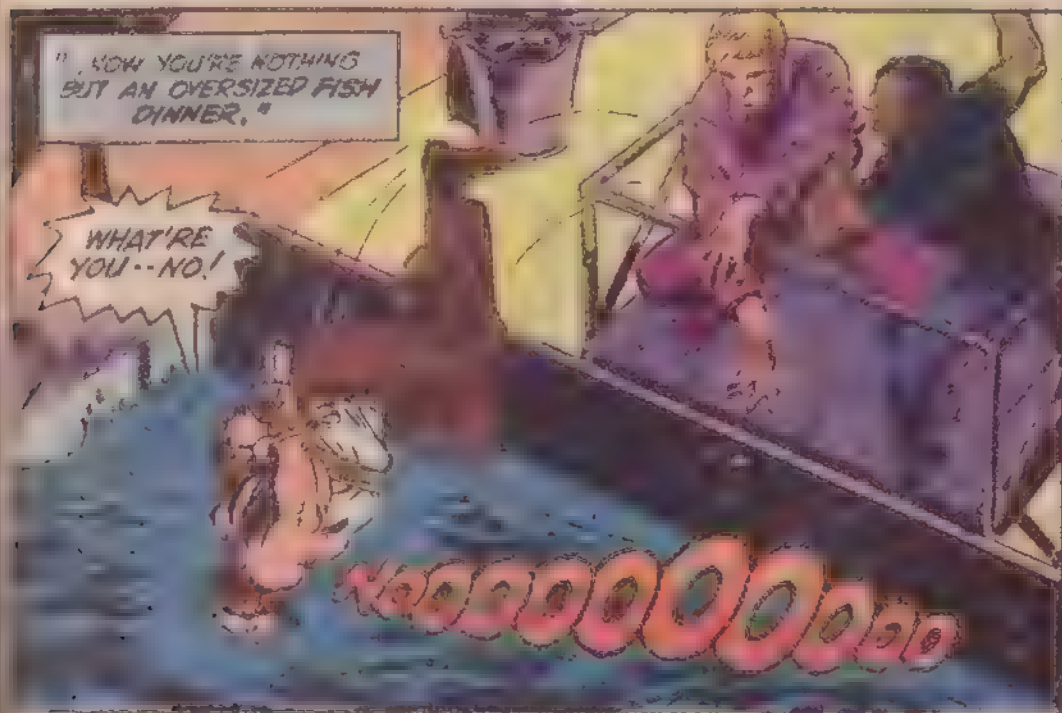


YOU LITTLE CREEP!

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I'M EDDIE THE NOSE-BITER COLSON, TOP MAN ON THE NORTH SIDE!

CONNECTION:

YOU WERE EDDIE COLSON...



"NOW YOU'RE NOTHING BUT AN OVERSIZED FISH DINNER."

WHAT'RE YOU--NO!

oooooooooooooooooooo



YAAAAHHH

SPLASH

BOOM!



I TRUST I'VE MADE MY POINT.

THOSE WHO SUPPORT ME WILL WISE WITH ME TO POWER.

THOSE WHO DO NOT WILL GO THE WAY OF THE LATE MR. COLSON.

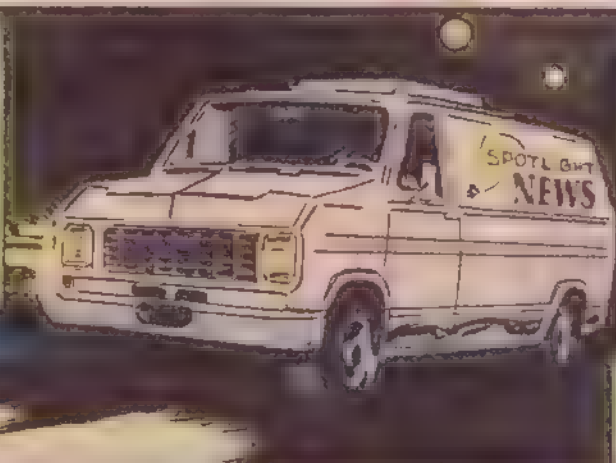
AS FOR YOUR FORMER BOSS, MR. FALCO--



--I HAVE PLANS FOR HIM.

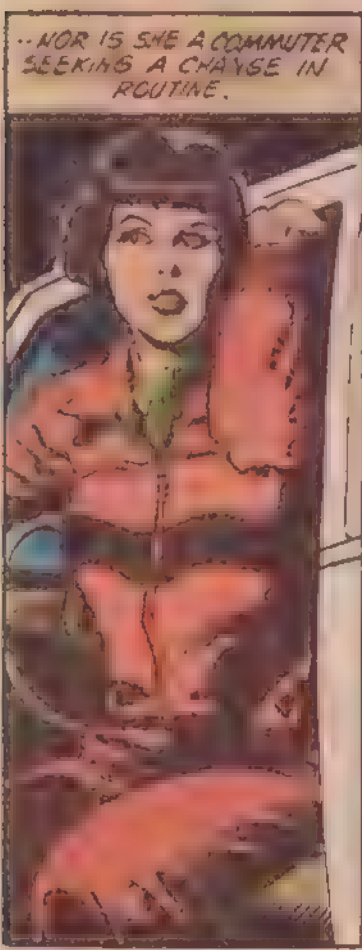
VERY SPECIAL PLANS.

AFTER MIDNIGHT, GOTHAM'S JEFFERSON BRIDGE IS ALMOST DESERTED. WHILE MOST OF THE CITY'S LATE-NIGHT COMMUTERS PREFER THE BRIGHTLY-LIT DOWNTOWN TUNNEL HALF A MILE SOUTH TO THE JEFFERSON'S GLOOMY CABLED SPAN...



THE JEFFERSON IS A FAVORITE HAUNT OF THE DESPONDENT AND DEPRESSED, BUT EVEN THEY PREFER THE DAYLIGHT FOR THEIR SELF-DESTRUCTIVE DEEDS.

OLIVIA ORTEGA, TV REPORTER FOR SPOTLIGHT NEWS, IS NEITHER DESPONDENT NOR DEPRESSED...



...NOR IS SHE A COMMUTER SEEKING A CHAYSE IN ROUTINE.



SHE HAS COME TO THE JEFFERSON FOR ANOTHER REASON ENTIRELY.

SHE WAS SUMMONED.



GOOD EVENING, MR. ORTEGA.

B-BATMAN?!

MY GOD, YOU STARTLED ME!!

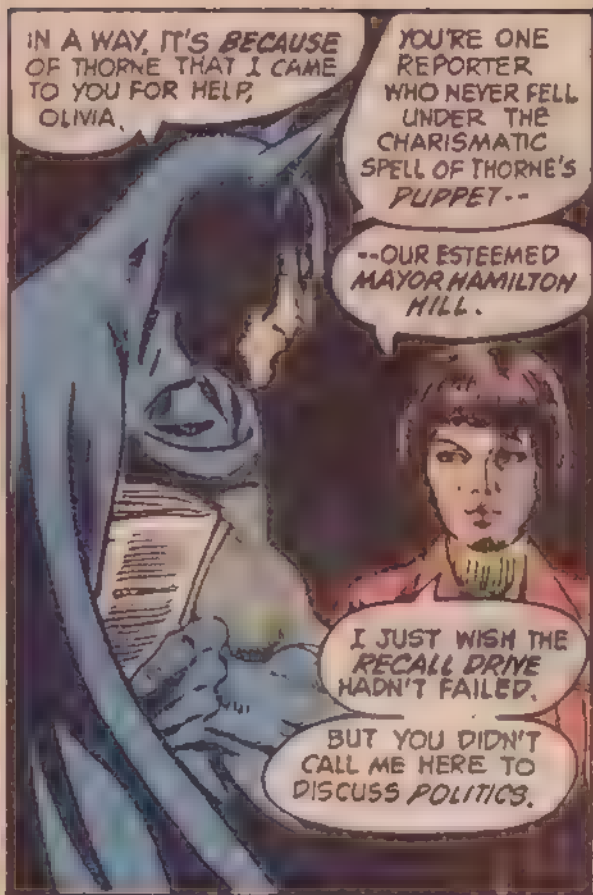


SORRY, I SEEM TO HAVE THAT EFFECT ON PEOPLE.

THANKS FOR COMING.

I ALMOST DIDN'T.

THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A SET-UP BY ONE "BOSS" THORNE'S OLD POLITICAL ALLIES AT THE TOBACCONISTS' CLUB.. I HAVEN'T MADE THEM HAPPY LATELY.



IN A WAY, IT'S BECAUSE OF THORNE THAT I CAME TO YOU FOR HELP, OLIVIA.

YOU'RE ONE REPORTER WHO NEVER FELL UNDER THE CHARISMATIC SPELL OF THORNE'S PUPPET--

--OUR ESTEEMED MAYOR HAMILTON HILL.

I JUST WISH THE RECALL DRIVE HADN'T FAILED.

BUT YOU DIDN'T CALL ME HERE TO DISCUSS POLITICS.

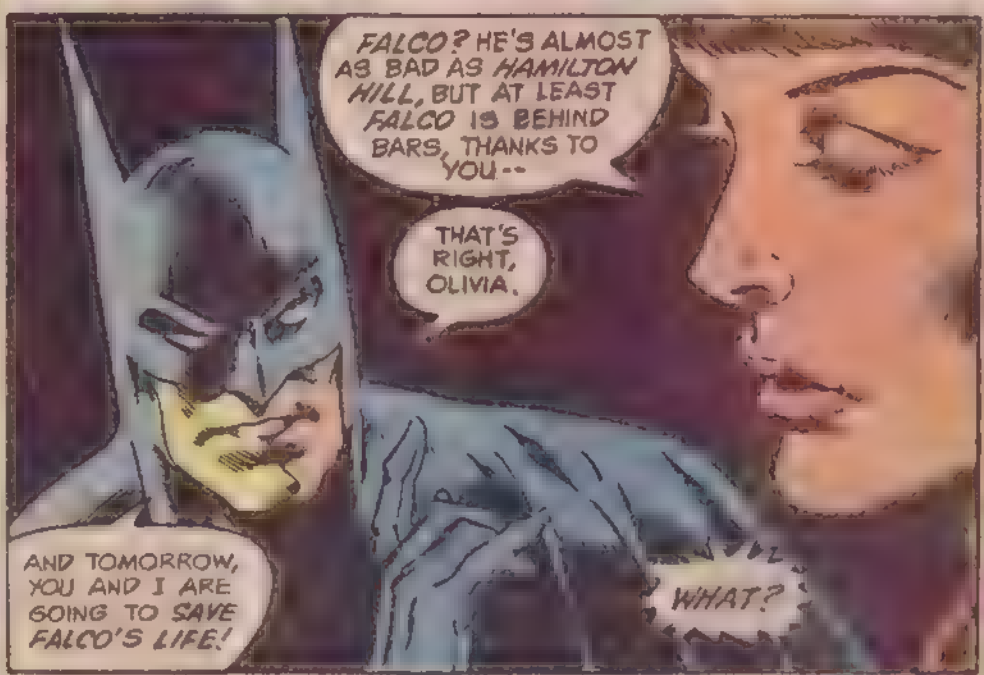


NO.

I CAME TO DISCUSS TONY FALCO.

OTHAM BOSS TO BE SENTENCED TOMORROW

FALCO



FALCO? HE'S ALMOST AS BAD AS HAMILTON HILL, BUT AT LEAST FALCO IS BEHIND BARS, THANKS TO YOU--

THAT'S RIGHT, OLIVIA.

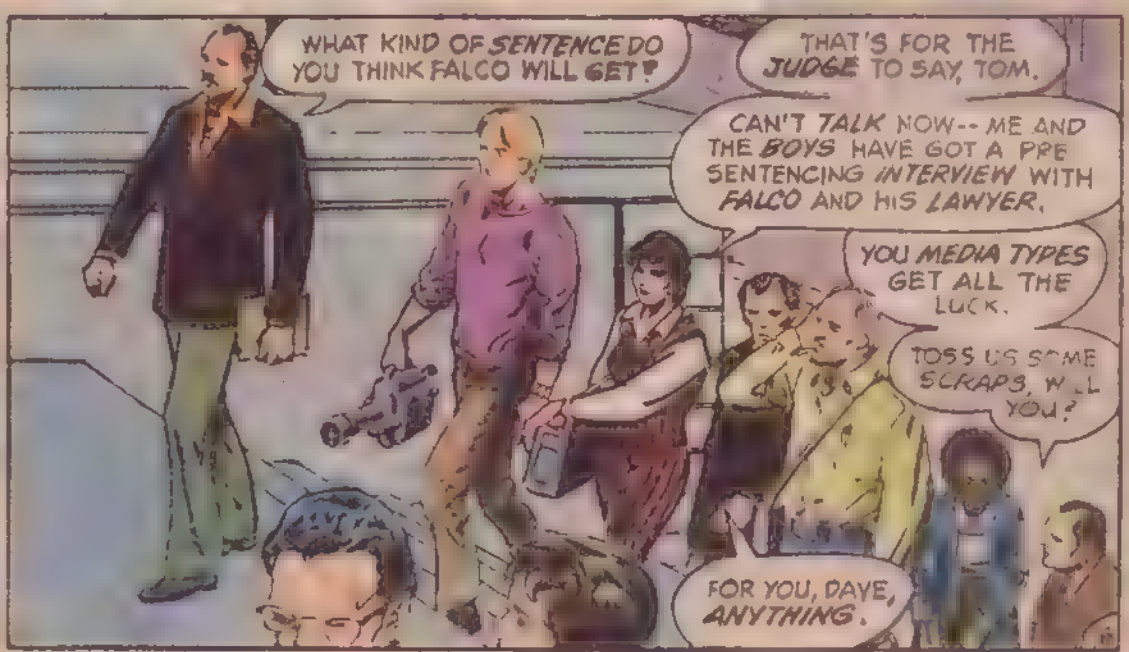
AND TOMORROW, YOU AND I ARE GOING TO SAVE FALCO'S LIFE!

WHAT?



MORNING. GOTHAM CITY STATE COURTHOUSE...

TODAY'S THE BIG DAY, EH, ORTEGA?



WHAT KIND OF SENTENCE DO YOU THINK FALCO WILL GET?

THAT'S FOR THE JUDGE TO SAY, TOM.

CAN'T TALK NOW-- ME AND THE BOYS HAVE GOT A PRE SENTENCING INTERVIEW WITH FALCO AND HIS LAWYER.

YOU MEDIA TYPES GET ALL THE LUCK.

TOSS US SOME SCRAPS, WILL YOU?

FOR YOU, DAVE, ANYTHING.



SORRY, LADY, THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU--

SAY, AREN'T YOU THAT GAL ON THE NEWS?

RIGHT YOU ARE, OFFICER--

--AND THIS GAL HAS AN APPOINTMENT TO INTERVIEW MR. FALCO BEFORE SENTENCING.

MURPH AND CUNNINGHAM! HERE ARE MY CAMERA TEAM!



GUARD, I THOUGHT I MADE IT CLEAR MY CLIENT AND I AREN'T TO BE DISTURBED BEFORE--

OH, IT'S YOU!

THE FEELING'S MUTUAL, STANLEY.

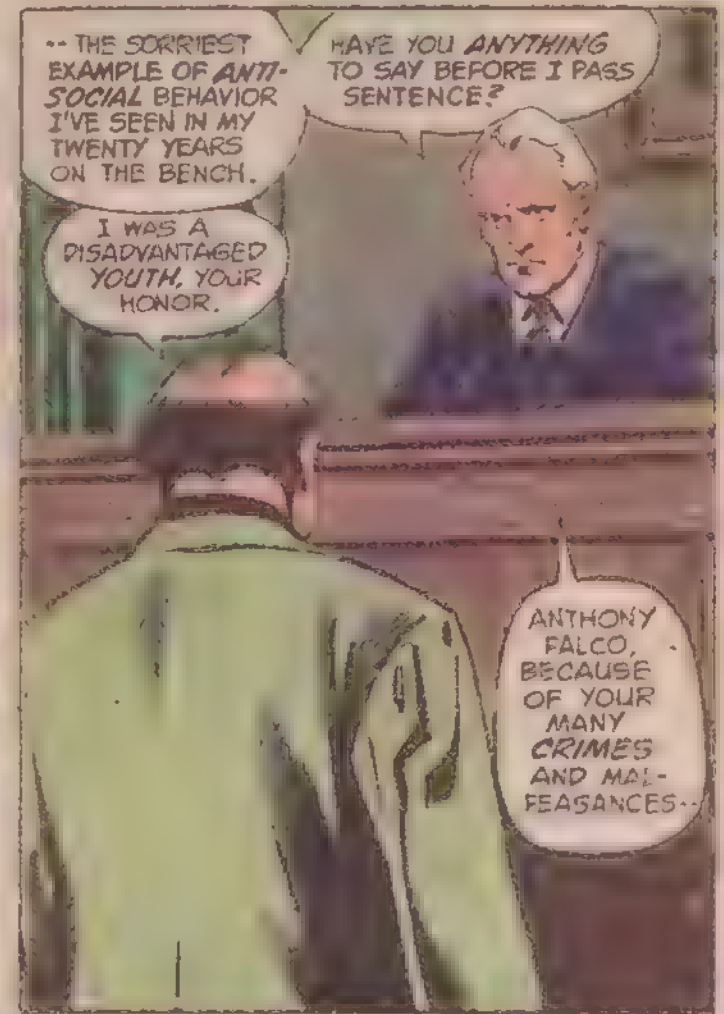
SOMETHING ABOUT SHYSTER LAWYERS JUST GETS ME FLUSHED ALL OVER.

I HAVE THE SAME REACTION AROUND RATS.

I RESENT--

SHADDUP, MOUTHPIECE.

C'MON IN LEGS. I'VE BEEN EXPECTIN' YOU.



-- THE SORRIEST EXAMPLE OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR I'VE SEEN IN MY TWENTY YEARS ON THE BENCH.

HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY BEFORE I PASS SENTENCE?

I WAS A DISADVANTAGED YOUTH, YOUR HONOR.

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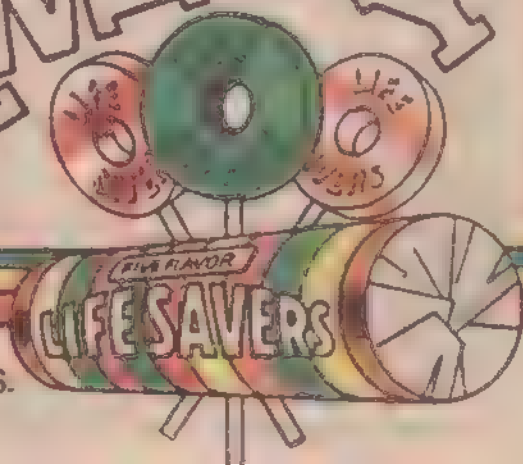
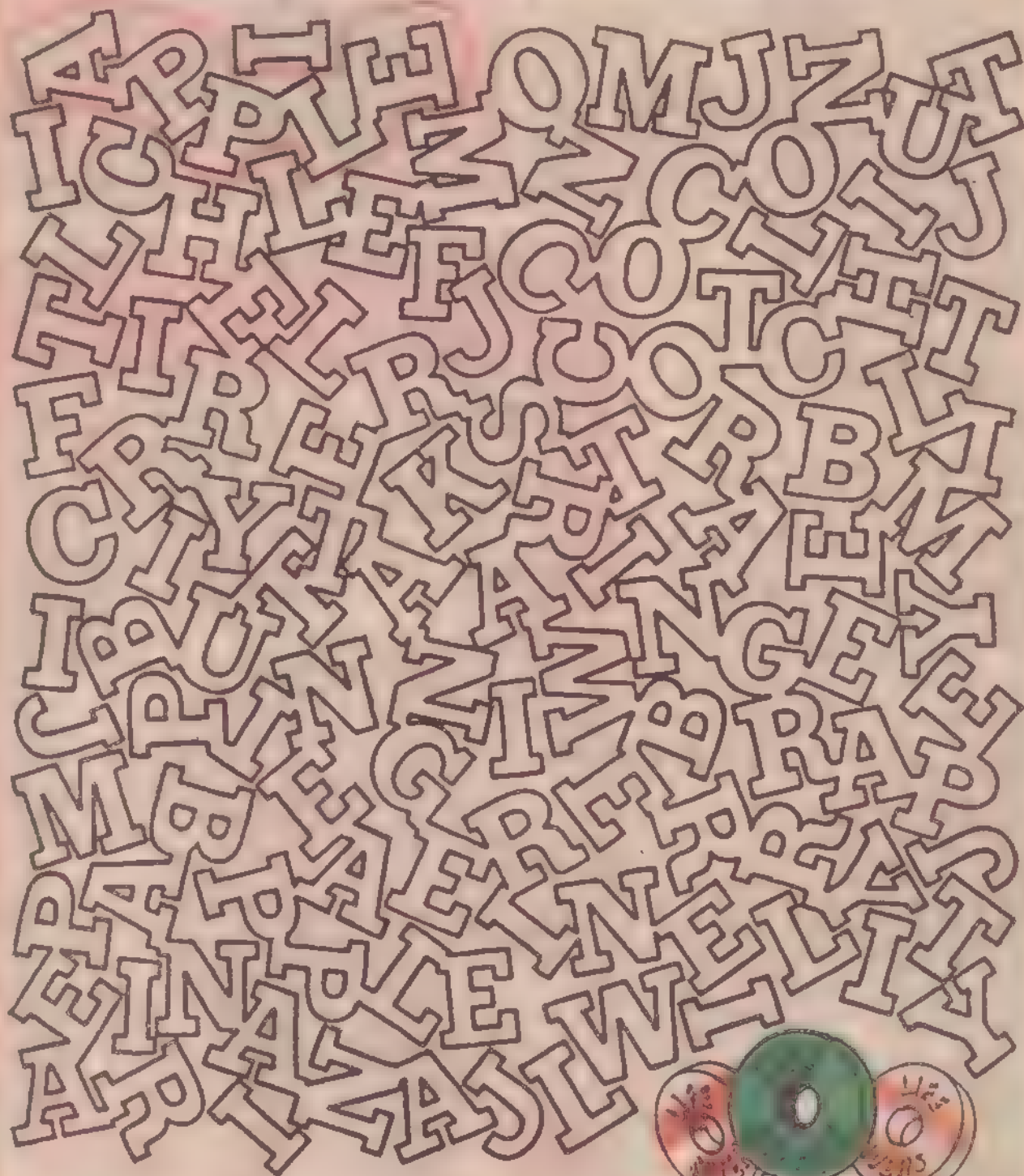


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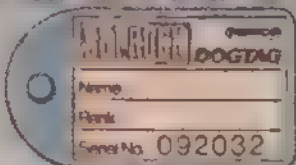


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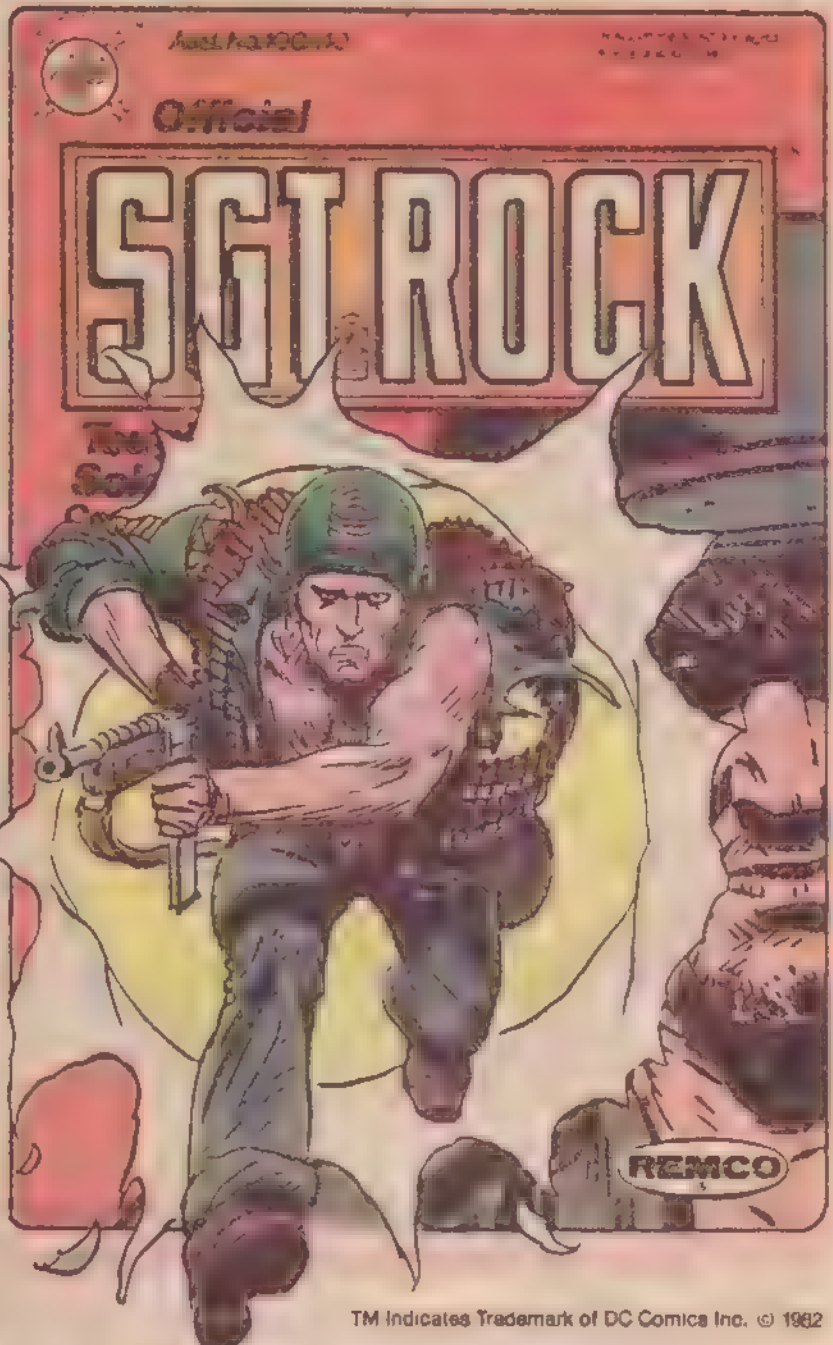
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YOU GOT FRIENDS TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, JUDGE? MAYBE YOU'LL NEED 'EM!

GET HIM OUT OF HERE.

I'LL SHOW HIM-- I'LL SHOW ALL OF YA.

SURE YOU WILL, FALCO.

EVERYTHING SECURE OUT THERE?

WOULDN'T WANT ONE OF FALCO'S "FRIENDS" TO CRASH HIS PARTY.

DON'T WORRY--

YOU COPS THINK I'M AFRAID? YOU'RE NUTS!

I TOLD YOU, I'VE GOT FRIENDS--!

GOtham POLICE 835

UH-HUH, AND MAYBE SOME OF THOSE FRIENDS DON'T THINK THEY NEED YOU ANYMORE, FALCO.

MAYBE THEY LL--

GAS BOMBS!

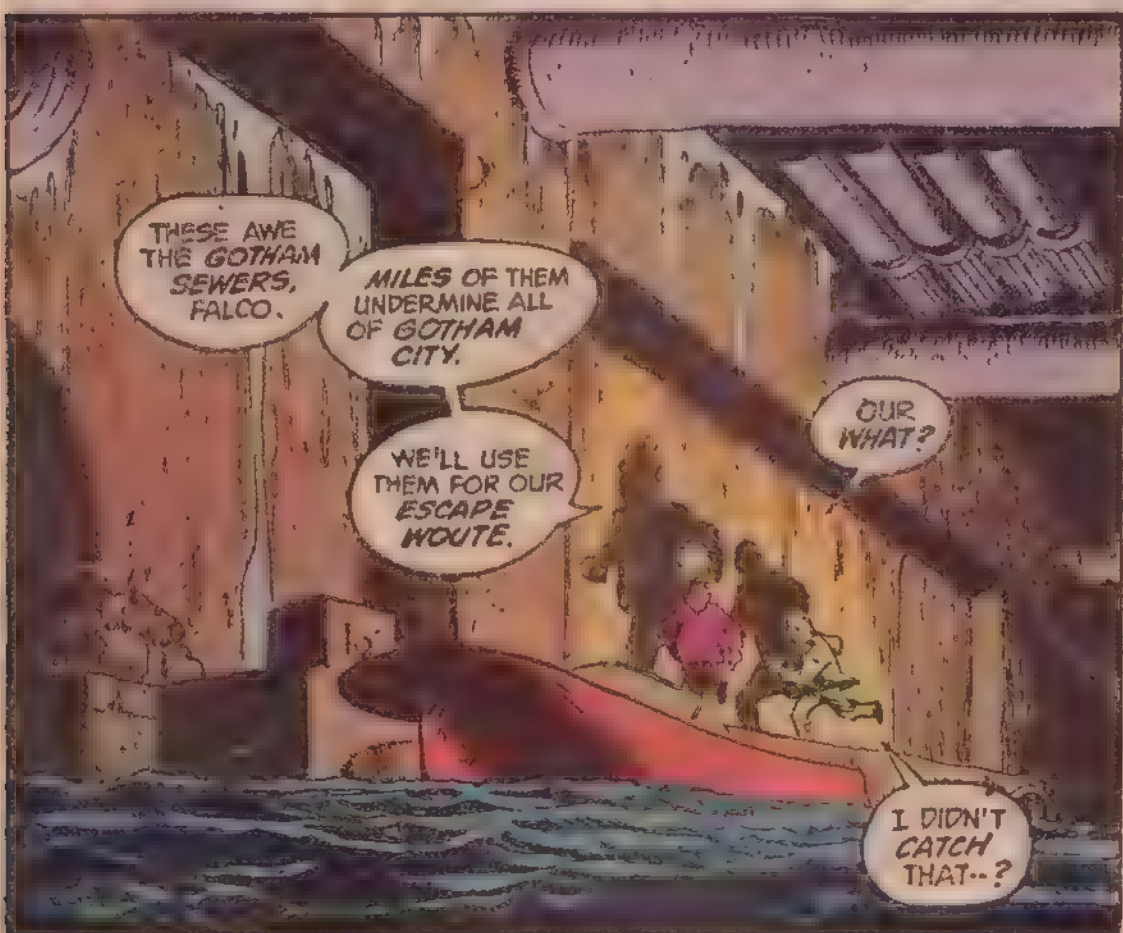
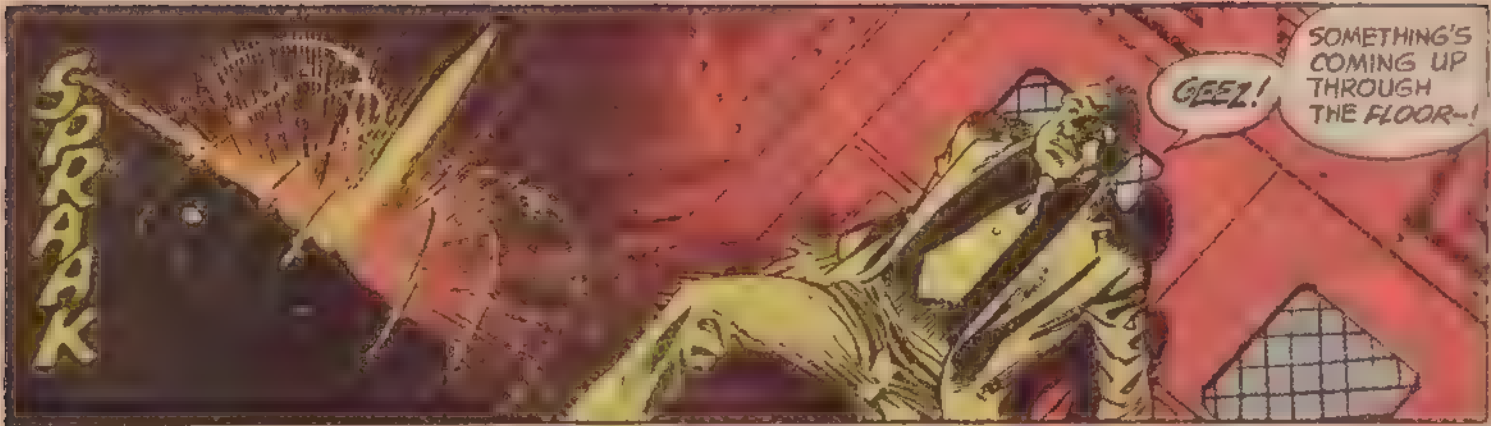
CAME FROM THAT WINDOW-- CAME FROM-- COUGH:

COUGH-COUGH!

HA! LOUSY FUZZ!

I TOLD YOU I--

HUH?



THROUGH WINDING TUNNELS FILLED WITH STRANGE SOUNDS AND STRANGER SMELLS, THE MAN CALLED THE SQUID DIRECTS THE SMALL SPEEDBOAT AS IF LED BY UNERRING INSTINCT...

...ARRIVING AT LAST AT AN OUTLET INTO THE GOTHAM RIVER, WHICH LEADS IN TURN TO THE SHADOWS BENEATH A ROTTING WHARF...

SAY, PAL,
WHERE'RE YOU
TAKING ME?

THIS AIN'T
ONE OF MY
JOINTS--!

YOU'RE QUITE
CONVICT, PALLO.

ACTUALLY--

IT'S ONE
OF MINE.

LIGHTS,
O.T.O.

HEY!

EASY WITH
THE
BRIGHTS!

I CAN'T
SEE--!

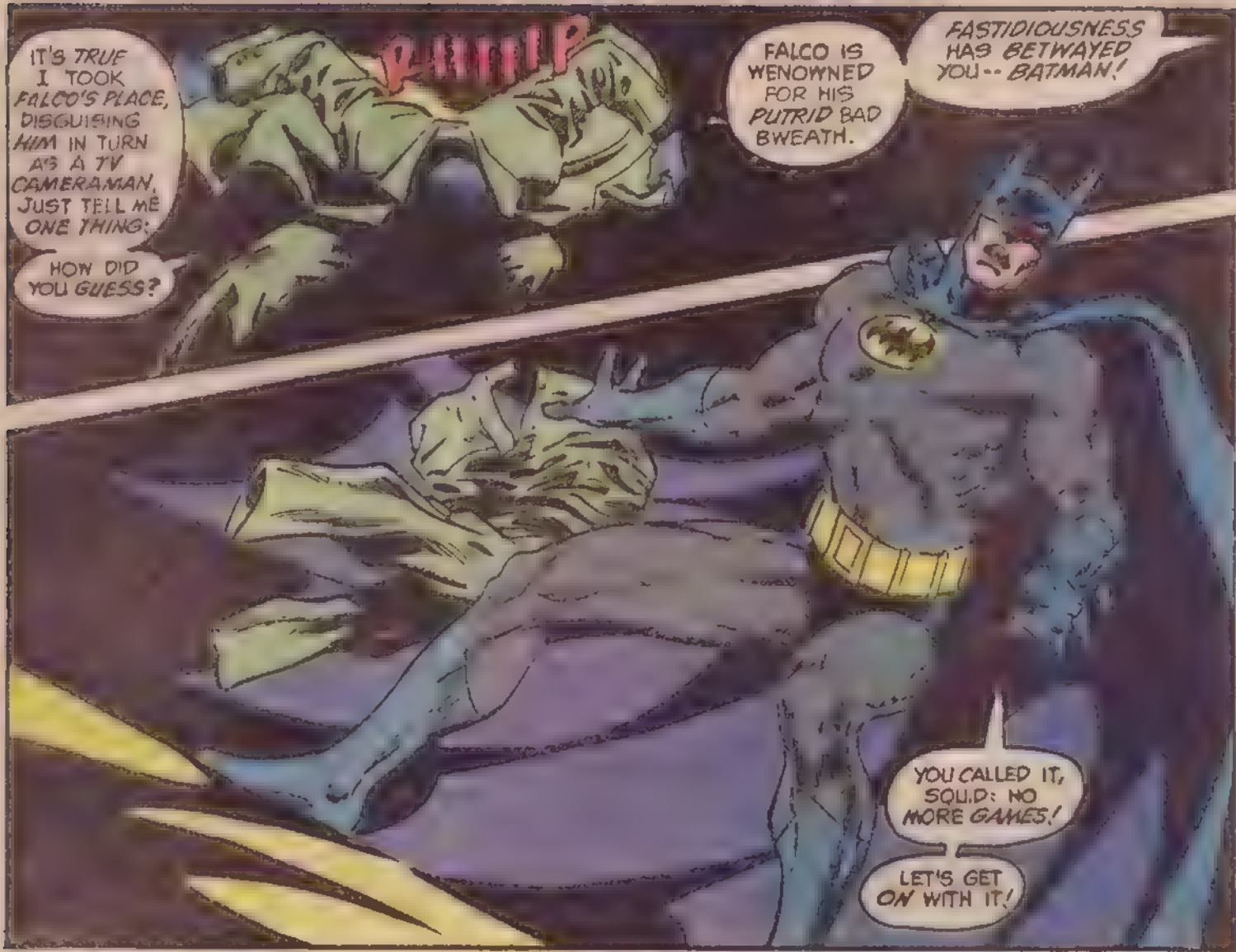
BUT I CAN SEE
QUITE CWEARLY,
OLD FWIEND.

I SUGGEST YOU
REMOVE YOUR
PATHETIC
DISGUISE.

DISGUISE?

LET'S
NOT
PLAY
GAMES

ALL RIGHT, SQUID,
WE'LL FORGET
THE GAMES--

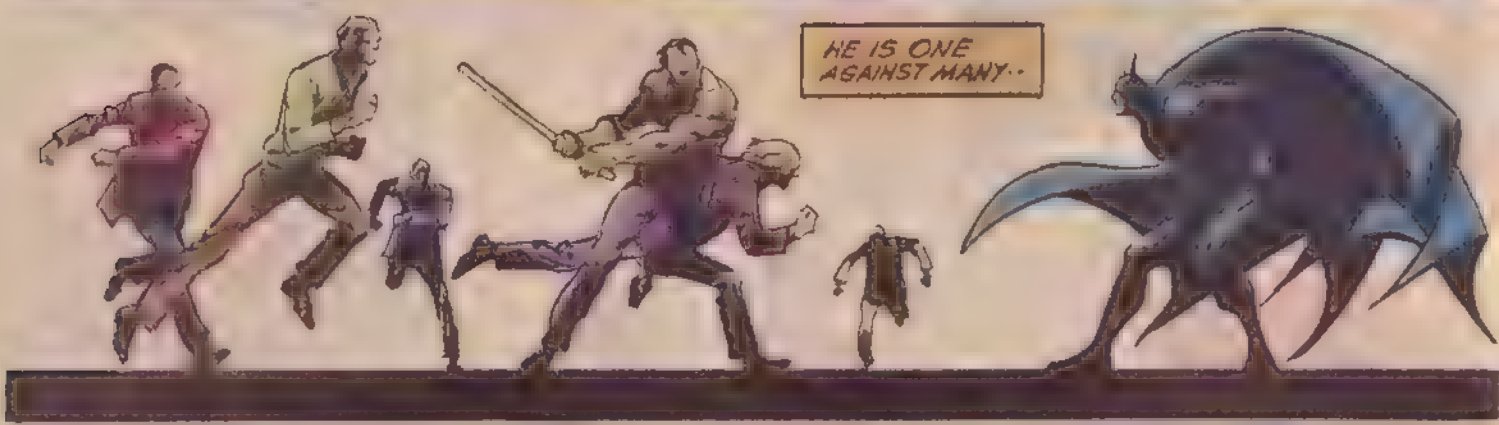


IT'S TRUE
I TOOK
FALCO'S PLACE,
DISGUIISING
HIM IN TURN
AS A TV
CAMERAMAN,
JUST TELL ME
ONE THING:
HOW DID
YOU GUESS?

FALCO IS
WENOWNED
FOR HIS
PUTRID BAD
BWEATH.

FASTIDIOUSNESS
HAS BETWAYED
YOU-- BATMAN!

YOU CALLED IT,
SQUID: NO
MORE GAMES!
LET'S GET
ON WITH IT!



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AGAINST MANY..



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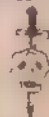
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Well, there goes my career as a columnist! First time out of the gate and I goofed. Managing Editors aren't supposed to goof... not when listing the **Annuals** he's presenting this summer... not in his **very** first column... not in front of all those people, for pete's sake! Mea culpa! (The real **Annual** line-up is: All the **Annuals** we published last year **except Swamp Thing**. Plus **Justice League**, **Superman** and **Firestorm**.) Oh, well. I was close.

By the time you read this, at least 4 issues of **Camelot 3000** will be out. If you don't know what **Camelot 3000** is, chances are you don't buy your comics at a comic shop or any other dealer who gets his comics on a non-returnable basis. If that's the case, you'll want to look around you to see if such a dealer, shop or store is currently doing business in your area or you'll miss out on reading some of the best comics coming from DC Comics in 1983. **Camelot 3000** is the first in a line of very special comics we will be publishing this year. They'll be printed offset on Baxter paper (a

far better grade of paper than regular comics. It's actually **white**.)

We expect to have four or five monthly titles in this format before 1983 is out and the word is that they'll all be pretty special. (More details in a future column.)

If your search for a non-returnable comics dealer (the term refers to a dealer who buys his comics from a distributor who buys from us outright and cannot return them as the typical newsstand distributor can) turns up zip, write us and we'll try to help you find the one closest to you. Some of them even offer a neat subscription service for readers who live too far from the store (or are too lazy) to stop in every week. Of course, we'll be offering subscriptions to titles published in this format that are regular monthly books. (Not mini or maxi-series.) Check our house ads or the indicia, that block of obligatory type found on the bottom of page one of every book, for details.

If you happened to be in New York City on September 13-15 and passed near the Berkshire Place Hotel on 52nd Street during the wee hours and heard strange sounds emitting from within, it was just a group of freelance comic artists and writers (plus some wives, girl friends, etc.) indulging in all-night, or **nearly** all-night, bull sessions. DC's Prez and Publisher Jenette Kahn had approved a plan submitted months earlier, to invite free-

lance contributors who live a considerable distance from the Big Apple to join us at DC's offices for a round of talks, mini-conferences, lunches, and a sit-down dinner.

On the second day, we invited local free-lancers to join us and for the first time, people who had been working on the same projects were able to meet each other and exchange ideas nose-to-nose. At the close of each business day, they were free to wander off and do what they wished but word got back to me that each day's activities generally ended back at the hotel talking comics.

The people who made this historic pilgrimage were: Gerry Conway (who also celebrated his birthday while he was with us), Danette and Roy Thomas, Dan Jurgens, Mark Evanier, Al Gordon, Dan Spiegle, Dennis Jensen, Jerry Ordway, Tony DeZuniga, Scott Shaw!, Steve Gerber, Rick Hoberg, Pat Broderick and Keith Pollard. Invited but unfortunately unable to attend were Mike Grell, Alex Toth, Don Newton and Marty Pasko.

We all enjoyed the chit-chat and each others company and we're looking forward to being able to make this a regular annual event. (Or bi-annual...? or quarterly, Jenette...?)

Hey, just because this page isn't technically a letters page doesn't mean you **can't** write letters. I'd like to hear your comments on the **new DC** and I might be able to print one or two of your letters in this space. Worth a shot, if you like to see your name in print!

Incidentally, by the time you read this, DC Comics will be comfortably ensconced in new quarters at yet another prestigious address (remember, you read it here first), so address us at:

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Thank you and good afternoon.

Dick

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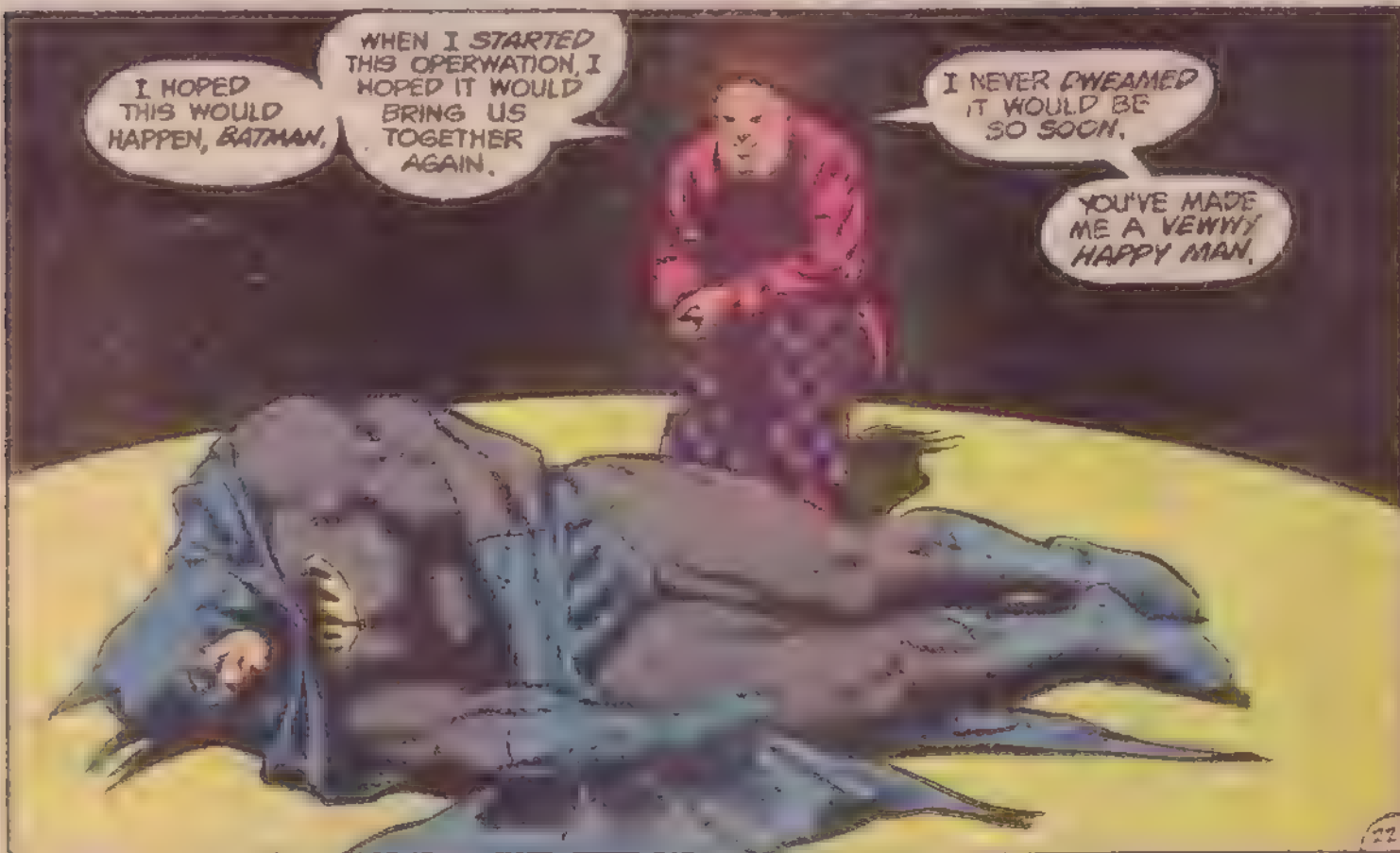


I HOPED
THIS WOULD
HAPPEN, BATMAN.

WHEN I STARTED
THIS OPERATION, I
HOPED IT WOULD
BRING US
TOGETHER
AGAIN.

I NEVER DREAMED
IT WOULD BE
SO SOON.

YOU'VE MADE
ME A VEWVY
HAPPY MAN.



HE WANTS IN A DAZE, TO FIND HIMSELF BEING BOUND BY TWO GLOATING THUGS.

HE DOES WHAT HE CAN, BUT HIS EFFORTS ARE LIMITED, AND NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE SENSES THE NEARNESS OF DEATH...

ORIGINALLY, I PLANNED THIS SURPRISE FOR MR. FALCO.

BUT YOU SPOILED THAT PLAN, BATMAN. HOWEVER, SINCE YOU SEEM SO EAGER TO TAKE FALCO'S PLACE--

HE CATCHES HIS BREATH BRACES HIMSELF--

THROW HIM IN!

--BUT THE IMPACT, NONETHELESS, IS STUNNING.

THE AQUARIUM WATER IS DARK--

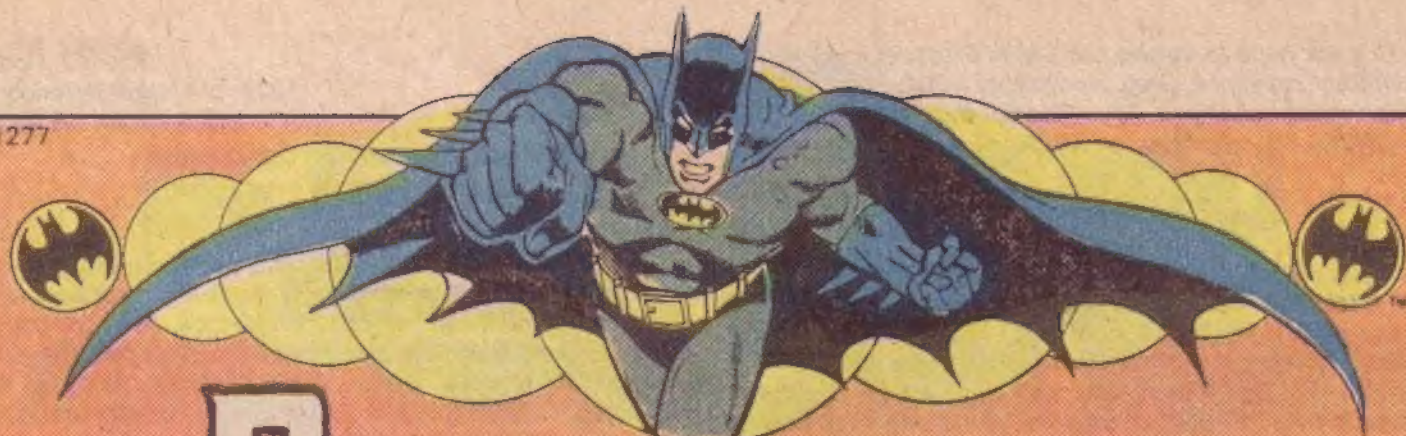
--AND IN THE DARKNESS, SOMETHING MOVES:

SAY HELLO TO GERTWIDE, BATMAN.

HEHEHEHEHE

GERTWIDE, MAKE THE MAN FEEL WELCOME.

TO BE CONTINUED--IN DETECTIVE #324



BAT-SIGNALS

DC COMICS INC., 666 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10103

Dear Len:

Welcome to the editorship! As one of the best Batman writers in the business, you can only succeed. Just what tricks do you have up your sleeve, I wonder?

BATMAN #352 pulled a few neat tricks, and so did Christopher Chance, The Human Target, when he entered Wayne Manor as Bruce. You thought Alfred was taken aback? You should have seen me, flipping back and forth between the two pages like an idiot, forgetting all about Chance's recent appearances. But the payoff was the real Bruce entering as the bored playboy: "Scaring the hired help, Chance, old boy? Terribly bad form, don't you know." Lord Peter Wimsey lives.

It is probably a credit to erstwhile editor Dick Giordano and writers Conway and Kupperberg that I cared less for the current Colonel Blimp plotline than the continuing subplots. The hospital shots were crowded as hell, with Jason Bard, Barbara and ex-Commish Gordon, Pauling, McClosky, Batman, and a whole slew of newspeople, but in two pages we were treated to a lot of plot. The final Michelangelo-spawned handshake between Bats and James capped it all off. It is comforting to know that we are dealing with real people here.

The relationship twist Vicki and Bruce is intriguing to follow, but I can't believe that he is in love with her, or is even further than infatuation. The issue's most unbelievable bit of dialogue occurred after Vicki's boss shot himself, and on her date with Bruce she is amazingly unaffected by it: "Why shouldn't I be? I'm not the one who blew their (sic) brains all over the carpet!" Sure, she was in tears moments later, but that was more in apology to Bruce for her recent devilry. And yet, two seconds later, she is avidly snapping pictures of The Batman sparring against Colonel Blimp. Vicki is an enigma; she has a lot of life in her and can certainly hold her own with journalistic cohorts Lois Lane and Lana Lang.

My dislike for Blimp and the major plotline around him is belied by my praise for the thoroughly engaging, action scenes he prompts. I sheepishly admit I enjoy Batman the escape artist more than Batman the detective so when he sidestepped peril hanging from the blimp, I was high sitting at the proverbial edge of my seat. It was a rather disconcerting scene when Batman stumbled back to the Batcave in tatters, falling in Alfred's arms. At least this got Batman and Robin back in action again. Which reminds me, Len, now that both *BATMAN* (along with *TEC* and *B&B*) and the *NEW TEEN TITANS* are under your editorial wings, let's see some consistent characterization of Robin. Crossovers are now available, too; a nice, tight continuity between books is always a plus.

With a sad farewell to Dick Giordano and the stunning concepts and guidance he wrought, I close.

Sincerely,
Mark Lagasse
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Len thanks you (and everyone else) for the warm welcome aboard, Mark. The Batman has long been Len's favorite character, and he promises to hang onto the editorial reins forever, if possible. In point of fact, they'll have to nuke Len to get rid of him, and even then, he'll go kicking and screaming. But don't write off ex-editor Dick Giordano so quickly either. Dick had so much fun filling in on the inking last month in these pages that he hopes to make Bat-inking a permanent thing. He'll be back embellishing the pencils of guest-artist Dan Jurgens (of WARLORD fame) in DETECTIVE #525 and BATMAN #359, to allow Don Newton time to illustrate the super-sized 500th Anniversary Batman story in DETECTIVE #526. Then, if everything goes according to plan, Dick will become the regular inker on TEC with issue #527.

What can we tell you, Mark? Once the Bat gets into your blood, he's almost impossible to get out.

Dear Bat-people,

I've never written a fan letter in my life, but I was impressed with *BATMAN* #352.

"The Killer Sky" was a superior Batman story. It contained a very interesting plot; a villain gaining his revenge from a zeppelin. I do think, though, that Colonel Blimp underestimated the "bothersome" Batman and will be in for a shock when he discovers the Dark Knight to be alive.

I also enjoyed the sub-plot involving "Boss" Thorne's operations in Gotham City. He and his cohorts are beginning to see that they could be in trouble. Now that Batman has vowed to help his friends in their investigation, it will be interesting to see how the story is resolved.

On the whole, a good, full-length, action-packed issue. Keep up the good work.

Jim Sullivan
18 Sherwood Drive
Glen Falls, NY 12801

Believe us, Jim, we intend to do our best.

Dear Clan,

BATMAN #352 was a joy to read. It reminded me of the old scripts of David V. Reed and Denny O'Neil. Know why? Because it was *down to earth*. You see, to me, Batman isn't the man to battle aliens, or ghosts, or what-have-you. He's a *detective*! Please, I beg you, keep Batman's stories going in this direction. Make him use his mind as much as his muscle. He's capable, and he certainly fits this type of story better than any other kind.

Thank you for your time.

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It's our hope to involve the Caped Crusader in all sorts of different storylines, Greg, stories that will demonstrate all of his varied abilities. As witness, this year's BATMAN ANNUAL #8, comments on which follow immediately...

Dear Editor,

I just picked up three copies of BATMAN ANNUAL #8, and in a few days I'm going to buy three more. "Why?" you ask, because it is the best annual that I have read since the DC line of spectaculars of two or three summers ago.

Mike W. Barr's story was very pleasing for the simple reason that The Batman was *THE BATMAN*; even in outer space. Is there any chance of Mike's talents gracing the pages of one of the monthly BATMAN titles in the near future?

Trevor Von Eeden's artwork was also quite enjoyable. This is only the second time that I've seen the interior art on a comic reproduced directly from the pencils, but the process appears to work well, and I am rather impressed. The art isn't absolutely perfect—from the cover through most of the book, The Batman looks a bit scrawny and sickly, but what Trevor's Dark Knight of Justice is lacking in physical build, he makes up for in outright eeriness. Like I said, I'm impressed.

This is only the second of your new line of annuals that I've bought (the first being LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES ANNUAL #1) and, for the third consecutive time since this letter began, I'm impressed. These two books are better than any annual that your overly-publicized competition ever slogged out. The covers alone are enough to entice any dyed in the wool Marvelite to burn his M.M.M.S. card and go over the wall to the great, New DC!!!

John Hebert

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And we'll be waiting here with open arms to welcome them, John, though it's not our intention to steal readers from anyone. We're just hoping the quality of our work will get the word out to comicdom assembled that DC no longer stands for Dull Comics (as some of our longtime detractors have been fond of saying) but rather for some of the most Dynamic Comics currently available.

By the way, though some advance advertising stated that BATMAN ANNUAL #8 would be printed directly from Trevor's pencils, production problems forced us to have said pencils inked. But since they were inked by Trevor himself, we really don't think there was any harm done.

Dear Dick,

Regarding BATMAN ANNUAL #8:

You will, no doubt, be receiving several irate missives from many staunch religionists, who were offended by this annual's anti-cult stance, especially the portrayal (and personage) of Seth, the "born again" reference, and Biblical references.

However, I applaud your representation that logic and reason shall be at the forefront of any confrontation of survival in this world. And that representative of rationality is the Batman, himself, and Batman was triumphant.

There were several little touches, as well, which made this magazine well worth the one hundred pennies, i.e. Alfred's being taken aback at his master's sudden appearance, Batman's healthy disrespect for army authority, Talia's taunting of Captain Reeme—all made for good, realistic, character play.

Thank you, Michael, for your good script.

The artwork, no doubt, will be compared to Marshall Rogers and, if so, there are similarities to be applauded. Yet Von Eeden's style is inimitably unique. I remember his days on BLACK LIGHTNING and all I can say is, improving as he is, he is sure to become a fan favorite. A regular title would be a most propitious move, please.

Thank you, Trevor, for your good artwork.

Thank you, DC, and you, Dick, for a very good book.

Kevin J. Dooley

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And thank you, Kevin, for your good letter.

Dear DC,

BATMAN ANNUAL #8 was a superb presentation. Mike W. Barr's script was conceptually interesting and laced with enhancing elements of drama, romance, physical action, atmosphere, suspense, death, conflict, and cerebral exercise. The characterization was consistent, faithful, and exciting. Trevor Von Eeden is a marvelous Batman artist and in many panels of this epic he truly shined. However, I felt that a few of his illustrations suffered from an overdose of the Golden-Age touch he selected to employ. When the style worked (which, happily, was the vast majority of the time) it was stimulating, but when it fell short it produced scratchy, undetailed renderings. However, on the whole, the art, like the entire issue, was involving, engaging, and enjoyable. Mike, Trevor, John Costanza, Lynn Varley, and Dick Giordano deserve much praise for this memorable, longest single Batman adventure ever. When one considers how capable of superior work DC's BATMAN personnel are, one must wonder, "Why has it been so long since we had original BATMAN ANNUALS?"

I vote for an encore next year.

Wallace Lee Hopkins

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And you'll get one, Wallace, but not by the same team. Oh, Mike W. Barr will be here, all right, but his artistic partner-in-peril will not be Trevor Von Eeden, but rather one Mike Golden, for those of you who are into salivating early.

Still, if you enjoy the team of Barr and Von Eeden, may we recommend to you the upcoming GREEN ARROW MINI-SERIES, which will be on sale February 24 at newsstands and comic shops everywhere, and which will be written by Mike, pencilled by Trevor, and inked by one Dick Giordano (Now where have we heard that name before?). You'll hate yourselves if you miss it.

And, on that public service note, we take our leaves until next month. Be kind to yourselves till then, and be here. Aloha.



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